

Having heard that some have wronged my words which I spoke before the Committee of Parliament, concerning Jesus Christ, and concerning the Old and New Testament, some have printed Words which I spoke not; Also some have printed a Paper, and calls it James Naylors Recantation, unknown to me.

To all which things, I shall speak a few words; which may satisfie such as loves the truth, and that he who is out of the truth may proceed no further.

I. *Concerning Jesus Christ.*



The same Christ and no other, of which the Scriptures testifies, who is the light of the World, and Redeemer of lost man, from under the power of darknesse, known of old by the name Emmanuel, that eternal Spirit of truth is the same to whom I confesse all power, glory honour and worship in Heaven and in earth; And whereinsoever this earthen vessel or any thing therein hath been set up in the minds of any, to diminish the glory of that invisible power, or to draw any one from the measure of the same spirit in themselves, or to offend the least measure of that pure and tender spirit in any of his people, all that I condemn and deny as a thing never intended by me; but is the

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work of the adversary, who seeks all occasion against the truth of God to devour, in whom it is begotten, who took his advantage in the time of my tryal and sufferings, to stir up enmity and dispite against the Spirit of truth, and with all his power, sought to dishonour the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, for which I have deni'd all that I loved in this world, which name stands in the power and nature of that eternal spirit, and to the power, the name is given, and not to James Naylor, as himself hath said, Joh. 14. 26. and in the eternal Seed is the Son-ship, and the Lamb is he that bears all things.

*And concerning his sufferings at Ierusalem.*

I have believed them from a child according to the Scriptures, and I can truly say, I was never of any faith contrary, and much more I am confirmed therein daily, having found the effect and power of that suffering spirit to be all my strength in all my tribulations, and in all my afflictions he hath been afflicted, which whosoever abides in, seeks no revenge, their reward being present with them; which power and Spirit whosoever feels in the deep, cannot call Jesus accursed, nor undervalue his sufferings, neither can any say (in truth) that he is Lord but thereby.

*And concerning the old & new Testament being the word.*

The old is that which was dedicated with the blood of Calves and Goats, enjoyned for its time, and disanulled for the unprofitableness thereof, because it could not make perfect, Heb. 7. 18. 19. Heb. 9. 18, 19, 20. But the word of God is not disanulled, unprofitable nor imperfect, but quick and powerful, living for ever, Heb. 4. 12.

And the New Testament I own, which is in the blood

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blood of Christ, *Luk. 22. 20.* and the Apostles saith, God had made them able Ministers of the new Testament, not of the letter, but of the spirit, *2 Cor. 3. 6.* and these were Ministers of the word; who said they were not Ministers of the letter, which word was in them, and spiritual, and they knew his voice that liveth for ever, *Rom. 10. 6, 7, 8.*

So the Scriptures I own which declares of these things, and the word I own which was before these things was written, but my life stands in that which quickeneth, liveth, and abideth for ever, and he is the word which by the Gospel is preached, and they that hath him can believe what is written of him, *Iohn 1. 1 Pet. 1. 23, 24, 25. Rev. 19. 13.*

And as touching the printing of that paper, it was not done by me, nor with my knowledge in the least, nor do I yet at all know the man that hath done it, but out of the truth and against the truth he hath done it, and for evil towards me who ever it was, the Lord God of my life, who hath kept me alive in all distress, turn it for good, and forgive the evil: and though he that hath done it hath not done it in truth, nor love to it, yet what of truth there is in the paper, I shall own as stands on truths behalf; for thus it was, that after I was put into the hole at Bride-well; I heard of many wild actions done by a sort of people, who pretend that they owned me, and these were earnestly stirred up at that day with much violence, and many unseemly actions, to go into the meetings of the people of the Lord, called Quakers, on purpose to hinder their peaceable meetings, and yet would take that holy and pure Name of God and Christ frequently into their mouths, whereby the Name of the Lord was

much dishonoured, and his pure spirit grieved  
 much disorder they caused in many places of the  
 tion, to the dishonour of Christ Jesus, for which I felt  
 wrath from God; which when I understood that  
 they had any strength through me, I used all means I  
 could to declare against that evil spirit, which under  
 the Name of God and Christ, was against God and  
 Christ, his truth and people; and something I did  
 give forth about a year and an half since in denial of  
 these spirits which it seems to me, he that hath done  
 this, hath got a sight of, and hath added to it the  
 thoughts of his own heart, and hath brought out this  
 darknesse, that people knows not what to make of it.

Therefore so far as it testifies against those unclean  
 ranting Spirits, and all the actions wherein the Holy  
 Name of God hath been dishonoured, and his spirit  
 grieved, so far I own it; but in that it is turned, as  
 though I denyed the Lord Jesus Christ, and his truth  
 which hath called me out of the World, or his people  
 called *Quakers*, whom he hath called into light, in that  
 I own it not; for in the patience and tribulation of  
 Christ Jesus, and with those who have the power this  
 day to testifie therein, against all the evils of this pre-  
 sent World, I am one in heart and soul to the utmost  
 of my strength, till the coming of the Lord Jesus over  
 all, and the throne of meeknesse and truth be set on  
 top of all enmity and deceit, in which faith and pow-  
 er I live or die, suffer or rejoyce, as God will, even  
 so be it, without murmuring.

*James Naylor.*

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